

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Scholarship to Muslim Students
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students of Muslim community provided with scholarship compared to their enrolment, class-wise upto matriculation, during the 11th and 12th Plan, year-wise, State-wise including Telangana; and
- (b) the steps being taken to cover more Muslim Children in the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) : For the educational empowerment of the students belonging to the notified minority communities, the Ministry of Minority Affairs implements Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for class I to X. The number of students belonging to Muslim community benefited upto class X during the 11th and 12th Plan (upto 2014-15), year-wise and State-wise including Telanagana is at Annexure. Class-wise data was not maintained under Pre-matric Scholarships Scheme till 2014-15 as the scheme was implemented by States/UT Administration.

(b) : To ensure effective implementation of the Scheme, activity timelines are drawn up and communicated to all States/UTs and stakeholders as well as posted on the website of the Ministry. From the year 2015-16, students belonging to minority communities are required to apply for the scholarship online (mandatory for IX & X) on a dedicated scholarship portal i.e. National Scholarship Portal (NSP) under URL: www.scholarships.gov.in and scholarships are required to be distributed through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode to the students' bank accounts. Moreover, now the students can submit self declaration/ self certification and self attested copies of documents in respect of Religion Certificate, annual family income, marksheets etc. Periodic reviews are undertaken with State Governments/UT Administrations. Further, as regards sensitization and publicity of the scholarship schemes, Ministry runs specific multimedia campaign for each scholarship programme namely Pre-matric, Post-matric and Merit-cum Means (MCM) based Scholarship on All India Radio (AIR) Network and Doordarshan Network including their Regional and NE channels, Private FM channels and Private TV channels and Digital Cinema all across the country including NE States. In addition, from time to time, Print Advertisements of Scholarship Programmes are also published all over India in Hindi, English, Urdu and Vernacular languages.
